

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:252
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000
HARASSMENT TO INDIAN OFFICIALS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a] whether incidents of harassment of diplomats/officers/employees and their family members in Indian missions abroad have taken place during the last one year;
- b] if so, the details thereof;
- c] whether the Government have taken up this issue with the countries concerned;
- d] if so, the details thereof; and
- e] the steps being taken by the Government to provide adequate security cover to the diplomats/officers/employees and their family members?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

[a] Yes Sir.

[b]&[d] A statement is attached.

[c] Yes Sir. Formal notes verbale are sent to the concerned host Government who are responsible for security of the Indian missions and their personnel.

[e] While the host Governments are responsible for the security of the members of Indian missions abroad under the Geneva Conventions, coordination between our missions and the host Governments' is maintained on a continuous basis to ensure security of personnel/missions.

STATEMENT SHOWING INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT OF DIPLOMATS/OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES AND THEIR MEMBERS IN INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD DURING THE LAST ONE YEAR (LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.25: ANSWERED ON 6.12.2000)

SL.NO. STATION INCIDENT ACTION TAKEN

1. Abidjan One robbery in Embassy Residence on 28th November, 1999.
Two flag-cum-staff cars were hijacked in June & Nov, '99. One vehicle later recovered.
FIR LODGED WITH THE POLICE AND NOTE VERBALE(NV) SENT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.
2. Baku One breakage in Chancery in June, 2000. NV sent to MFA
3. Bishkek Intrusion in Embassy Residence in March, 2000 NV sent to MFA
4. Durban
On 08.05.00, residence of Consul was burgled. Some personal property was stolen.
On 14/05/00 Consul(Consular) and his family were robbed of their personal belongings at gun point at busy tollgate.
Matter reported to the local police authorities.
5. Islamabad
On 16/2/2000 Counsellor was threatened by Intelligence operative in Lahore outside Pearl Continental Hotel.
NV sent to MFA
-do-
On 26/2/2000 Intelligence Operatives hurled abuses on Counsellor while he was passing in his vehicle.
NV sent to MFA
-do-
On 26.2.2000 A staff member was threatened and abused by 3-4 Intelligence Operatives while entering the Chancery building.
NV sent to MFA

-do-
Break-in at residence by some intruders in the house of a staff member on 7/4/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
Intelligence Operatives hurled abuses at a staff member while he was allowing entry of visa seekers at visa gate on 7/6/2000.
NV sent to MFA
-do-
Break-in at residence by some intruders who rummaged through the whole house of a staff member on 10/6/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
A Pajero rammed into the Toyota and badly damaged it, which belonged to a Naval Adviser on 11/7/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
Break-in and theft at residence of a staff member on 23/8/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
MFA demanded recall of a staff member on 26/8/2000.
-do-
Break-in at residence by some intruders who rummaged through the whole house of a staff member on 27/8/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
Forced entry into residence and rummaged through the bed-rooms on ground floor of Counsellor on 30/8/2000.
Pakistan DHC called to MEA and NV handed over.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
Forced entry into residence and rummaged through the bed-rooms and chest of drawers in the entrance of Air Adviser on 30/8/2000.
Pakistan DHC called to MEA and NV handed over.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
-do-
An intruder entered the residential compound and misbehaved with the two minor daughters of a staff member on 2/9/2000.
NV sent to MFA and FIR lodged.
Pakistan DHC called to MEA and High Commissioner called on Pakistan Foreign Secretary to lodge protest.
-do-
A staff member was stopped during his visit to Taxila and was taken to Taxila Police Station to seek clarifications on 3/9/2000.
NV sent to MFA and High Commissioner took up the matter with Pakistan Foreign Secretary.
-do-
Counsellor was harassed while driving to his residence on 19/9/2000.
NV sent to MFA
Matter taken up with Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi.
-do-
Break-in and theft at the residence of a staff member on 6/10/2000.
NV sent to MFA
-do-
Break-in and theft at the residence of First Secretary on 17/10/2000.
NV sent to MFA

6. Mahe

Four incidents of burglaries/attempted burglaries in Govt. owned Property during the current year.
NV sent to MFA

7 Panama

One minor theft in ER in October, '99
NV sent to MFA

8. Port Morseby

On 5/6.01.00 burglary at the residence of Attache during his absence was done and valuable personal effects were stolen.
On 10.05.00 burglary at the residence of Attache.
Matter reported to local police.

9. Pretoria

Counsellor/Head of Chancery was robbed at gun point at a busy intersection. Personal belongings, including money of the officer were taken away on 13/9/2000.
Matter reported to the local police and MFA.

10. Santiago

One snatched Ambassador's wife bag in January, 2000.
NV sent to MFA.

11. Suva

On 18.09.00 theft at the residence of High Commissioner. Some items were found missing.

An FIR was lodged with the police and matter reported to MFA.

12. Warsaw

On 11.03.00 attack on the family of an Assistant and his family members by drunken hooligans while returning from a super market. Victims suffered and seriously injured. NV sent to MFA.